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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Room TW-B204  
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service  
CC Docket No. 96-45**

Dear Madam Secretary:

In accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206, we hereby provide you with notice of an oral *ex parte* presentation in connection with the above-captioned proceeding.

On Thursday, February 5, 2004, undersigned counsel, on behalf of Midwest Wireless Communications, L.L.C., met with Christopher Libertelli and Trey Hanbury of Commissioner Michael K. Powell's office. No materials were distributed at the meeting.

In our meeting, we discussed the possible effect of the FCC's recent *Virginia Cellular Order* on the pending petition for service area redefinition filed by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission.

If you have any questions or require any additional information, please contact undersigned counsel directly.

Sincerely,

/s/

David A. LaFuria

cc: Christopher Libertelli, Esq.  
Trey Hanbury, Esq.